

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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Wednesday, July 11, 1945

The Senate convened at 3:00 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, July 10, 1945.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President	Clarke	Johns	Perdue
Ausley	Coleman 13th	Johnson	Riddle
Baynard	Coleman 28th	King 7th	Sanchez
Beacham	Davis	King 27th	Shands
Boyle	Fraser 29th	Lewis	Sheldon
Brackin	Fraser 31st	Lindler	Sturgis
Branch	Gray	McArthur	Wilson
Bryant	Griner	Moon	

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A quorum present.

Senators Barringer, Black, Carroll, Mathews, McKenzie and Thomas were excused from attendance upon the session.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain:

"Good and great Father, touch our hearts and fashion them according to Thy righteous will. May we thrill in the fellowship of kindred hearts. Grant us the willingness to serve with fidelity in our appointed places. Grant that our thinking may be a product of our fellowship with Christ. May we think worthily about both our own ways and the ways of others. Grant, good Father, that our thinking may issue in the finest and the most worthy efforts for our own development and progress and for the highest interests of others. If pleasing to Thee, grant these requests for Christ's sake. Amen."

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

By Senators King (27th Dist.), Branch and Wilson—

Senate Resolution No. 2-X:

MEMORIALIZING THE DEATH OF HON. GEORGE PIERCE WOOD.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the State of Florida has been informed of the untimely passing of Honorable George Pierce Wood, which occurred at Tampa, Florida, on the eighth day of July, 1945, at the early age of forty-nine years, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of this body to express and to place upon its records an expression of their sorrow and regret at his passing, their sympathy for the members of his family, and an appreciation of the life and character of this man as an honorable and upright citizen of the State of Florida, as a member of the Legislature of said State, and as a genial and lovable companion and friend, and

WHEREAS, the following details of the life and achievements of the late George Pierce Wood are deemed appropriate to be placed as a memorial upon the records of this body, that is to say:

GEORGE PIERCE WOOD was born at Attapulgus, Georgia, on the 26th day of August in the year 1895. He was educated in the public schools, at Emory College and at the University of Florida. He was an outstanding student and won athletic honors in both football and basketball. In 1919 and prior thereto he was a member of the Army of the United States and of the American Expeditionary Force. His early business preoccupations included farming, stock raising, naval stores, lumber manufacturing and general contracting. He maintained his place of residence in Liberty County in spite of the fact that his various occupations carried him far afield, and included the management of such companies as the St. Joe Paper Company at Port St. Joe, Florida, and the Apalachicola-Northern Railroad, and other west Florida businesses, including banking.

Mr. Wood was elected to the State Legislature in 1928 and served his first term in the House during the session of 1929. In 1931 he was a member of the House during the one

hundred day session, which comprehended the regular session and two special sessions. During this session he rendered yeoman service in framing and procuring the passage of much of the legislation that comprehended the financial policy of the State and served as chairman of a special finance and taxation committee in the session of 1931, and presented to the House the program that made available the gasoline tax contribution and the creation of the Board of Administration, by means of which county indebtedness is now being paid. Mr. Wood did not return to the House in 1933 but returned and served in the sessions of 1935, 1937 and 1939. In the 1939 session, Mr. Wood was elected Speaker of the House, and as such provided a wise and efficient guidance for the members of the House in framing the important tax laws under which the State government is now operating.

During his entire career Mr. Wood contributed as a citizen and as a legislator the benefits of a strong character and an exceptionally brilliant mind, and the relationships formed by him were close and enduring. He was widely known and loved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who, by his passing, have suffered a poignant grief. He was an affectionate husband and father and the sympathy of the entire state is showered upon the members of his bereaved family. His death is an irreparable loss to the people of his State and to all mankind, regard for whom was a vital element of his character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

That a copy of these resolutions be delivered to the Secretary of this body and be, by him, recorded among the records of this session in the Journal of the Senate; and

That a duly certified copy of said resolutions be delivered to the members of the bereaved family of the deceased, and copies thereof be delivered to the press.

That the members of this body do hereby express and record their deep sense of irreparable loss at the passing of our former colleague, George Pierce Wood, and our deep and heartfelt sympathy for the members of his family and for the myriad friends who knew and loved him.

Which was read the first time in full.

The question was put on the adoption of the Resolution.

Which was unanimously agreed to and Senate Resolution No. 2-X was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Senator Riddle—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-X:

A Joint Resolution declaring that an emergency exists within the meaning, intent and purview of Section 3, of Article VII of the Constitution of Florida: Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida by adding an additional section thereto to provide that there shall be one senator for each county of the State of FLORIDA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

That reapportionment of representation in the Legislature constitutes an emergency such as will require an early decision by the electors of the State; that the following Amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to Census and Apportionment be and the same is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the Electors of the State of Florida for ratification or rejection at a Special Election to be held in not less than 90 days, nor more than 120 days after the enactment of this Joint Resolution as follows:

Section 6. From and after January 1, 1949 there shall be one Senator for each County of the State of Florida. They

shall be elected at the General Election in 1948. Ninety days prior to said General Election the Governor shall officially number the existing Counties in consecutive numerical order. Senators from the odd numbered Counties shall be elected for terms of four years to extend from January 1, 1949. Senators from even numbered Counties shall be elected for terms of two years to extend from January 1, 1949. Senators thereafter elected to succeed those first elected as aforesaid shall be elected for four year terms. New Counties created after the original numbering by the Governor shall be numbered consecutively following the original numbers and shall similarly elect Senators as those elected originally by Counties. Except as provided herein existing provisions of the State Constitution shall not be modified or affected.

Which was read the first time in full.

Senator Riddle moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-X be read the second time in full.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-X was read the second time in full and placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON
SECOND READING

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1-X was taken up in its order and the consideration thereof was informally passed.

SENATE BILLS ON THIRD READING

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13-X and Senate Bill No. 8-X were taken up in their order and the consideration thereof was informally passed.

SENATE BILLS ON SECOND READING

Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 14-X and 15-X and Senate Bill No. 16-X were taken up in their order and the consideration thereof was informally passed.

By unanimous consent Senator Riddle withdrew Senate Joint Resolution No. 18-X.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 19-X was taken up in its order and the consideration thereof was informally passed.

Senator Brackin moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to and the Senate stood adjourned at 3:16 o'clock P. M., until 11:00 o'clock A. M., Thursday, July 12, 1945.